

HB 2045 -- Regulation of Cervids

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This bill establishes requirements for the movement of cervids, including white-tailed deer, mule deer, elk, red deer, sika, moose, and other animals in the family Cervidae. For any interstate movement of cervids, an entry permit must be obtained from the Department of Agriculture within 30 days of importation; the herd must be tuberculosis (TB) accredited, brucellosis certified, and have a chronic wasting disease (CWD) status of five years or more or have two TB tests at least 90 days apart with the second test within 60 days of import, a negative brucellosis test within 30 days of import and a CWD status of five years or more; and must have two forms of identification. The identification must be an official unique federal identification tag and a plastic ear tag, ear tattoo, or microchip or one of the federal unique tags not used as the first method of identification.

For all intrastate transfer of cervids, all animals must have an official unique identification prior to transfer. An owner of cervids must maintain specified permanent records related to the transfer of the animal and records of each cervid death. No TB or brucellosis requirements can apply to and no certificate of veterinary inspection can be required for an intrastate farm-to-farm movement of cervids, except that a hunting ranch must enroll specified cervids in the department-sponsored CWD program. Any breeding operation within a hunting ranch that moves live cervids from the ranch must also be enrolled in the CWD program.